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The hon. Sir CHARLES TODHUNTER :—" An exhaustive enquiry has been made, Sir, and the Retrenchment Committee have formulated their general conclusions. I hoped that we should have been able to present the final conclusions before this time, but owing to the fact that, with a view to retrenchment, we are employing the same officer as Retrenchment Secretary and as one of our representatives in the Imperial Assembly, it has not been possible to push through the work. I am hoping that he may be able to come down between the sittings of the Assembly to give us the benefit of his further conclusions which he is still working at in Delhi."

Government assistance to repatriated Indians.

769 Q.—SAIYID MUHAMMAD PADSHA SAHIB : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether during the current official year the Government have received any communication from the Government of India regarding the assistance to be afforded by them to the Colony-returned Indians;

(b) if so, what steps the Government have taken to provide facilities for the resettlement in this province of repatriated Indians; and

(c) what the number is of such repatriated Indians for whom they have procured employment during the current official year and what the proportion is of men thus provided to those who are still in need of employment?

A.—(a) Yes.

(b) The Commissioner of Labour is entrusted with the duty of attempting to provide repatriated Indians with employment wherever necessary. No other steps on the part of Government have been found necessary.

(c) The Government have no information as to the exact number of persons for whom employment has been procured during the current official year but no cases of repatriated Indians who are in need of employment have come to their notice.

Revision of the scheme of Government technical examinations.

770 Q.—SAIYID MUHAMMAD PADSHA SAHIB : Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to state if and when the Committee appointed to revise the scheme of the Government Technical Examination has submitted its report?

A.—The report was submitted to Government in November last.

Ceded districts representation in the various departments.

771 Q.—Mr. K. SARABHA REDDI : Will the hon. the Member for Revenue, the hon. the Law Member and the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to lay on the table statistics as they stood on 31st March 1922 for the Ceded districts under the following heads :—

(1) the total number of vacancies on Rs. 50 and above in the Revenue, Judicial, Educational and Police departments;

(2) the number of such vacancies filled up (a) by bona fide natives of the Ceded districts and (b) by others not coming under (a);